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SUBJECT: SYRIAN ENCOURAGEMENT OF FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT TO
LEBANON

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1. TEVS COMMENTS PARA 4 REFTEL COULD BE READ AS IMPLYING
THAT GOT IS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT SYRIANS EN-
COURAGING MOVEMENT OF FEDAYEEN FROM SYRIA TO LEBANON AND
JORDAN.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF GOT
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POLICY ON THIS QUESTION BUT SUGGEST, IF MATTER RAISED IN

FUTURE, THAT EMBASSY ANKARA MIGHT WISH TO CLARIFY USG
POLICY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: USG STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY
INFILTRATION OF FEDAYEEN FROM SYRIA TO LEBANON OR JORDAN;
WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH LEBANON WHERE INFILTRA-
TION IS EASIER AND TINTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION NOT AS
STABLE AS IN JORDAN; INFILTRATION IMPROVES FEDAYEEN MILI-
TARY CAPABILITY VIS-A-VIS LEBANESE ARMY. WE ALSO TAKE
VERY DIM VIEW OF INFILTRATION INTO LEBANON WHICH CONTRI-
BUTES TO FEDAYEEN POTENTIAL TO LAUNCH CROSS-BORDER OPERA-
TIONS INTO ISRAEL. SUCH OPERATIONS ARE DEPLORABLE IN
AND OF THEMSELVES; THEY ALSO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TRIGGER
COUNTER RAIDS, FOMENT INTERNAL DISSENSION IN LEBANON AND
CAUSE INSTABILITY THROUGHOUT AREA. WE FEEL IT IS IN
INTEREST OF GOT AND OTHER AREA STATES TO DISCOURAGE
INFILTRATION OF THIS SORT SINCE NET RESULT OF PROCESS IS
TO MAKE POSITION OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENT MORE PRECARIOUS
AND TO INCREASE POSSIBILITY OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN
LEBANESE MILITARY AND FEDAYEEN. ROGERS

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